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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2002, which sets forth a restriction requirement for pending claims 1-25. A response is due by October 9, 2002.

Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-23) without traverse. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.



Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

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